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XV. EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF BODIES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS INSTRUMENTS

1. The Commission considered agenda item 15 concurrently with item 14 (see chap. XIV) at its 12th to 13th meetings, on 18 March, and at its 37th meeting, on 3 April 1997. 1/

2. For the documents issued under agenda item 15, see annex ... to the present report. For a list of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission, see annex ... to the present report.

3. At the 12th meeting, statements were made by Mr. Philip Alston, Chairman of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and Ms. Ivanka Corti, Chairperson of the seventh meeting of persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies.

4. In the general debate on agenda item 15, statements 2/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Belarus (13th), Brazil (13th), China (12th), India (13th), Indonesia (13th), Philippines (12th), Republic of Korea (13th), Russian Federation (13th).

5. The Commission heard statements by the observers for Norway (13th), Romania (13th), Slovakia (12th).

Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights

6. At the 37th meeting, on 3 April 1997, the representative of Canada introduced draft decision E/CN.4/1997/L.17 sponsored by Canada. India, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Ukraine and Uruguay subsequently joined the sponsor.

7. The draft decision was adopted without a vote. For the text of the decision as adopted, see chapter II, section B, decision 1997/...